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SECOND REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was mailed January 11, 2005. Therein, the Examiner noted consideration on January 4, 2005 of references submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated October 10, 2003 by returning an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449. However, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed December 23, 2004, before the Examiner considered the prior IDS and before the mailing of the Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is requested to note consideration of the documents submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, to return an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08a, and to have all documents submitted by Applicants listed on the face of the

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Form PTO/SB/08a, submitted December 23, 2004 (without copies of the submitted

documents) are appended to this Request.

This is a Second Request for Consideration of Documents Submitted in Supplemental

Information Disclosure Statement. A first Request was made on March 1, 2005. A copy of

that Request and stamped postcard are enclosed for your information.

Respectfully submitted,

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